MEMPHIS POLICE DEPARTMENT
INTELLIGENCE BUREAU
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

March 24, 1969

RE: Information received by Lt. O. B. Holcomb, Saturday, 3/22/69.

Mr. Don. H. Smith, Inspector,
Intelligence & Security Bureau,
Building.

Dear Sir:

On the morning of 3/22/69 [redacted] reported that there were 125-150 people on hand at the airport to meet Gregory when he arrived but he did not have a Press Conference. From the airport Gregary went with about 100 others to O. W. Pickett's home where they stayed until at least 5AM. Gregory was to havea Press Conference at 10:30AM at Stemma College. O. W. Picket was to furnish the transportation for the Invader body guards.

At 2:05PM 3/22/69, [redacted] reported that at 1:40PM a Gregory Pickett motorcade left O. W. Pickett's Office for West Tennessee towns, after delivering a talk at C. B. C. They are not going to all of the towns previously planned due to lack of time.

From 12 Noon to 1PM Gregory gave a speech at C. B. C. The speech was almost verbatim, to the speech he that was delivered at Golenleaf Church last week. He also stressed lowering the voting age to 18, and said that the young people could run all of the old Capitalists who hide behind the Constitution out of Office. Gregory will be here until after the election. His plans for Sunday are incomplete due to his running late on his schedule. He is supposed to meet with the Invaders and Black Knights on Monday.

He left Memphis with Lewis Welch and Roy Turks riding in the car with him. They rode with him to see what kind of concessions they can get from him, and also to get him to meet with the Invaders only, and not the Black Knights. CARL ARMSTRONG, CURTIS DAVIS, JOHN C. SMITH, and MACK HARDIN were also in the Motorcade with him. The Invaders were armed. Gregory and Pickett both gave them permission.

[redacted] states on 3/22/69 he got a letter through the mails inviting all Committee members of the Dr. King Memorial Club to be at a meeting at the Minimum Salary Building at 5PM 3/22/69 to make plans for the March April 4, 1969, and to be brought up to date on the progress made. This letter was signed by ERMA LAWS. [redacted] was to attend.

At 1:55PM 3/22/69 Pltmn. Goodroe reported that the C. B. C. program was from 12 Noon to 1PM, with 400 to 500 attending. He said Gregory spoke on humor and also anti-establishment. He discussed the Grape Boycott.

Gregory said that 70% of the people in a few years will be under 26 years of age. He said the young people should vote independent and vote for Pickett. He said they needed more black people in magazine advertisements and in Movies. He said the white people are making the black man afraid to go with white women because they are always showing them off on T. V. etc. Some of the audience gave him a standing ovation on some points.

At 2:40PM Pilmn. England called. He estimated the crowd at CBC at 300 to 400. He said they were primarily young white kids, mainly a clean-cut group. He said they had some standing ovations. He speech was semi-conservative, aimed at the white kids. Afterwards there were three questions asked. He said he did not favor the overthrow of capitalism. He said he had to leave for Chicago tomorrow or Monday. Legislator James L. Taylor was at the CBC meeting.

At 2:50PM [redacted] Called. He said he was at 271 Vance at 6:30AM. He said there were several Invaders there at 7AM and they went to O. W. Pickett's office. MC COLLOUGH, LEWIS WELCH, and TOM DAVIS were in Hollywood all morning passing out Pickett literature, and did not attend the talks.

He said GREGORY and PICKETT left Pickett's office at 9:35AM for a 10AM speech at Sienna College, and a Noon talk at C. B. C. He said at 2PM the motorcade left Pickett's office. He said LEWIS WELCH had a carbine broke down, wrapped with a poncho and a 30 cal. banana clip, and a Black Knight guard, BENNY LNU MC 30, with short goatee, dark complexion, Afro hair, 5/8", 175 Chubby who drives a Blue Mustang had a .303 cal. clip and a gun covered up. Security guards assigned to Gregory by WELCH were JOHN C. SMITH and CURTIS DAVIS of the Invaders, and LITTLE MARSHALL, MICHAEL STARKS and BENNY LNU from the Black Knights. They said Gregory is going to leave town, date unknown, but he will be back March 25, 1969.

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[redacted] reported that COLBY VERNON SMITH left on March 22, 1969 for reasons unknown. COLBY SMITH chewed out JOHN C. SMITH for going to Jackson with the EGYPTIANS because they may blame the fire on the Invaders. JOHN C. SMITH, said he went with them to show them the way. He said they had nothing to do with the fire.

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ROY TURKS ~~BRUK~~ said JOHN C. SMITH told him that the EGYPTIANS did set the fire. They are believed to be back in St. Louis.

Source, Code Name [redacted] called and said the Pontiac ~~was~~ 2 Black Egyptians sitting in front of 222 Elm St., Centerville, Illinois at 1PM 3/21/69.

At 3:40PM Warrant Officer Redditt called and advised he had gotten a letter inviting him to attend the meeting at 7:30PM at the Minimum-Salary Building 3/22/69., on plans about the 4/4/69 march. I could not contact Inspector Parker, and advised him to get permission from Chief Routt as we would like for him to attend. At 3:45PM he called back and said Chief Routt gave him permission., & he would write a report Mondy & advise Chief Routt immediately after the meeting.